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MEMO TO: CDPM Lisbon 8 May 1990

RE: Timor Gap Treaty

Dear person whose name I cannot read (Conceijao?)

Thankyou for your fax regarding your plans to protest the Timor Gap Treaty. As you know the Treaty will be considered by the House of Representatives this week and by the Senate on 17-18 May. I am assuming you have received my package which contained some material on the Treaty. What I am faxing here is supplementary to that but, regrettably, hardly world-shattering.

In the update I included in the package (extra copy included in this fax in case the parcel is still coming), I explained that the Treaty will be passed by Parliament because it has bi-partisan support. That is,the Opposition will support the Government on the matter. The main challenge will come from the Democrats in the Senate and one or two independents such as Senator Jo Vallentine (a well known and highly respected peace activist). However they do not have the numbers to defeat the bill.

It is clear that if anything substantial is to be done on the Treaty it will have to come from the Portuguese Government.

If anything new emerges in the next few days I will fax the material to you immediately.

With every best wish and abraxos to my CDPM mates.

Pat Walsh.

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